

# Southwest Virginia Graduate Medical Education Consortium (GMEC)

The University of Virginia's College at Wise

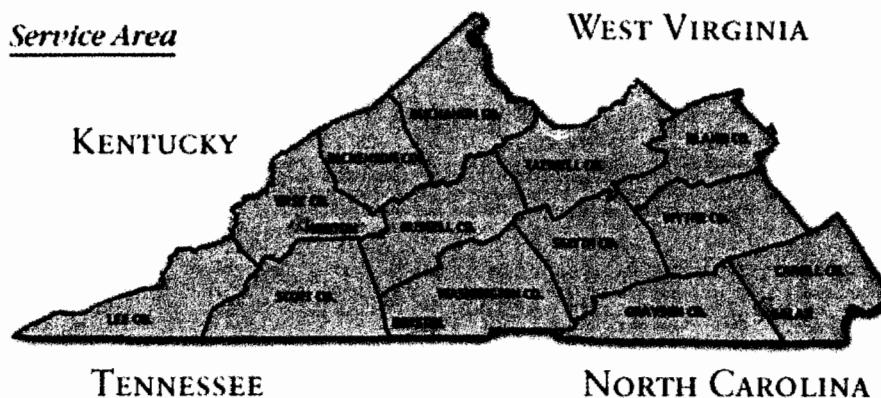
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GMEC creates and supports medical residency preceptor sites in Southwest Virginia, a region with many rural and underserved communities. GMEC does an annual census of primary care clinicians (physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants) and maintains a database with extensive information about each clinician identified. Once a month, GMEC phones each hospital, health center, and other major employer of clinicians in our service area to learn what opportunities are available for physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants. We post an opportunities list at [www.uvawise.edu/gmec](http://www.uvawise.edu/gmec) and send copies to ppova.com and to medical residency programs in Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia, and North Carolina.

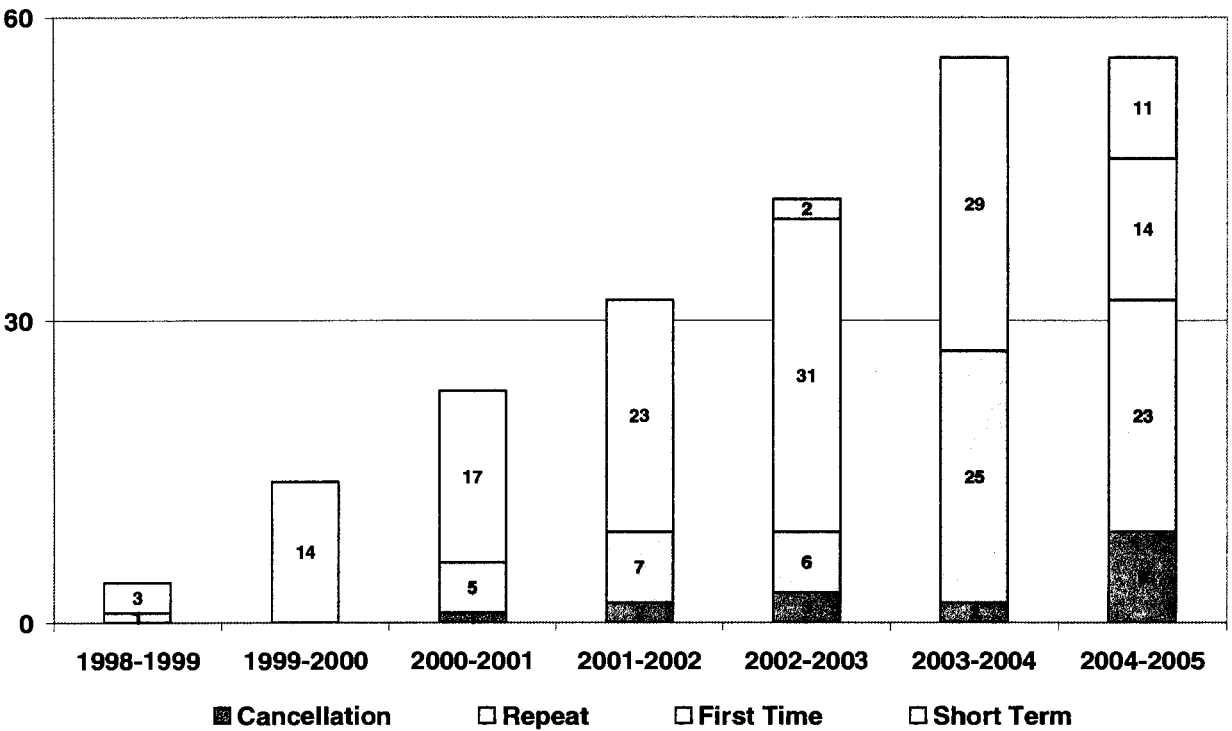
The GMEC service area covers 5,995 square miles in the 16 westernmost jurisdictions of Virginia. The area has a population of 399,318 and includes the counties and cities of Bland, Bristol, Buchanan, Carroll, Dickenson, Galax, Grayson, Lee, Norton, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, Wise, and Wythe.



At this time, there are 16 opportunities for primary care physicians, 2 for nurse practitioners, and 21 for sub-specialty physicians. Positions posted per medical specialty are: Family Medicine – 6, Internal Medicine – 5, Obstetrics and Gynecology – 2, Pediatrics – 2, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation – 1, Anesthesiology – 1, Cardiology – 1, Emergency Medicine – 1, Endocrinology – 2, Gastroenterology – 1, General Surgery – 3, Gynecology – 1, Hospitalist – 1, Orthopedic Surgery – 4, Otolaryngology – 2, and Urology – 4.

The National Center for Health Workforce Analysis publishes information about the health workforces of each state in the union. I'm not sure what data sources are utilized by this agency. However, there follows some comparative information gleaned from *Virginia Health Workforce – Highlights from the Health Workforce Profiles* at <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/healthworkforce/reports/statesummaries/virginia.htm>

## Number of Rural Rotations Arranged by GMEC



## Practice Choices Made by GMEC Residents: 1999 - 2004

